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  2. Prior to May 1954, no air raid instructions were held with the population of Stettin nor were air raid materials distributed. The population has neither been briefed nor trained in protective measures against the effects of A- and H-bombs or the resulting heat of gamma rays. No information was available on similar training of military forces.
  3. There were no indications of a newly erected air raid warning system. The factory police of the plants was only trained in fire fighting methods and not in passive air defense. Air raid sirens available at the plants and at administration buildings were used as pause signals.
  4. No measures were taken against bacteriological or chemical warfare, and no rescue or medical service was intended. The ~~air raid~~ <sup>first aid</sup> kits was absolutely inadequate.
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